

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 359

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Kenneth R. Jarnagin of Maryville High School on his selection as Tennessee's 2007 High School Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth R. Jarnagin is one such estimable educational administrator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Maryville High School, Dr. Ken Jarnagin was recently selected as Tennessee's 2007 High School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a principal as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award recognizes principals who possess strong leadership and communication skills and who actively work to improve teaching and learning at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jarnagin has served with acumen and alacrity as the principal of Maryville High School for five years; he previously served for five years in Sevier County and eighteen years in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, a specialist degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Maryville Kiwanis Club and Leadership Blount Class of 2005, Dr. Jarnagin also lends his time and professional abilities to numerous professional

organizations, including service as the Vice President of the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, a board member on the Tennessee Department of Education High School Reform committee, and as an appointee to the Tennessee State Department of Education Task Force on High School Excellence; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and faithful member of First Baptist Church of Concord; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jarnagin is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of Tennessee's High School Principal of the Year contest, Dr. Ken Jarnagin is now in the running for the title of National Principal of the Year for 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth Jarnagin truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Jarnagin is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Phyllis, and his children, Chris, Brandon, Sara, and Caitlin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jarnagin truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Kenneth R. Jarnagin of Maryville High School on being chosen as the 2007 Tennessee High School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, commend his exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.